

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the YEAR 1940.

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEW ROMNEY.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:-

The area of the Borough is 1509 acres.

The Resident Population was 1863.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1940, according to the Rate Books was: 737.

The Rateable Value was £16,302.

The sum represented by a 1d. rate was £60.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
LIVE BIRTHS:-	Legitimate ...	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>22</u>
	Illegitimate ...	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>22</u>

This gives a Birth Rate of 11.80 per 1000 of the estimated resident population.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales was:- 14.60.

Birth Rates for the past five years:-

		New Romney:	England & Wales.
1936	<u>11.28</u>	<u>14.80.</u>
1937	<u>13.74</u>	<u>14.90</u>
1938	<u>14.99</u>	<u>15.10</u>
1939	<u>14.57</u>	<u>15.00</u>
1940	<u>11.80</u>	<u>14.60</u>
	Average:	<u>13.27</u>	<u>14.88</u>

STILL BIRTHS:- Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births:- 83.33.

There were two Still Births, one male & one female, both legitimate.

DEATHS:-	Males.	Females.	Total.
	<u>21.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>28.</u>

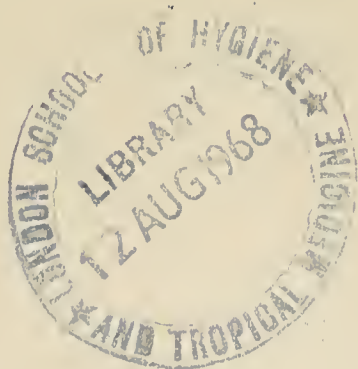
This gives a Death Rate of 15.02 per 1000 of the estimated population.

The Death Rate for England & Wales was:- 14.30.

Death Rate for the last five years:-

		New Romney:	England & Wales:
1936	<u>11.82</u>	<u>12.10</u>
1937	<u>11.63</u>	<u>12.40</u>
1938	<u>11.89</u>	<u>11.60</u>
1939	<u>11.92</u>	<u>12.10</u>
1940	<u>15.02</u>	<u>14.30</u>
	Average:	<u>12.45</u>	<u>12.50</u>

68633



Deaths from Puerperal causes:-

Deaths - Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births:- Nil.

Puerperal Sepsis:- Nil.

Other puerperal causes:- Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1000 live births:- - 45.45.

Legitimate infants per 1000 live births:- - 45.45

Illegitimate infants " " " " - Nil.

There was one Legitimate Male.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - 2.

" " Measles " " - 1.

" " Whooping Cough (all ages) - Nil.

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) - Nil.

There was no unusual or excessive mortality.

Conditions of occupation & environment are good.

There was no marked degree of unemployment.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES REMAIN THE SAME.

WATER SUPPLY:-

The Public Water Supply remains the same.

There was no shortage during the year. Samples were taken regularly for bacteriological examination and have always been reported as good, and there was no evidence of over-chlorination.

DRAINAGE:-

The system of Drainage remains the same.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	- 1.
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	- 1.
Pneumonia	- 6.
Measles	- 57.

The cases of Scarlet Fever & Cerebro-spinal Meningitis were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

7th October, 1941.

ARNOLD McMILLAN.

